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1. A number of labor officers with Communist leanings, who had been occupied formerly with Gouvernement Militaire and who had been dismissed from their jobs in 1947 on order of General of the Armies Koenig, have reappeared in the French Zone during the last three months from mid-August to mid-November, 1948. They are provided with Saar passports. Some of them reside in the zone for long periods, others come and go. During the last three months some of them have participated in sessions of German Communist trade union functionaries at which the success of Communist trade union work in France and the lessons to be drawn therefrom were discussed. One of these former labor officers, an unidentified Communist coming from Alsace, usually resides with Communist Landtag Deputy Muller in Ludwigshafen during his stays in the zone.
2. The former French Minister for Labor, Communist Marcel Paul, is in charge of the program of cooperation between the French and German Communists. Paul's emissaries do not confine themselves to cooperation with trade union functionaries only, but also keep close contact with the leaders of the Communist Party in the French Zone. During October 1948, three French Communists took part in a session of zonal functionaries of the KPD in the French Zone, among whom were Otto Niebergall, Muller, and Prinz, in which a still closer cooperation between French and German Communists was planned for the late fall and winter of 1948.

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